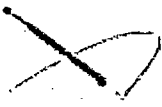


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Attached is the revised fact sheet for Park City based on Judy's comments.



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PARK CITY, UTAH, SUPERFUND CLEANUP

QUESTION: What is the status of cleanup in the Silver Creek Watershed, located in Park City?

ANSWER:

- Watershed activities include the Empire Canyon cleanup currently underway, the investigation and imminent cleanup of Richardson Flat, the Prospector Square Emergency Management System/ Park City Soils Ordinance solution leading to the archival of the Prospector Square site from the CERCLIS database, the development of the Old Park City Dump, the redevelopment of the Marsac Mill site into an intermodal transportation area, the rebuilding of a portion of the Ontario Mill into a runaway truck ramp, and the environmental investigations at Silver Maple Claims.

EPA and United Park City Mines (UPCM), began cleanup in Empire Canyon to address heavy metals surface water contamination in the Upper Silver Creek Watershed in 2004 because the approach to cleaning up the Watershed is to start in the upper reaches and work down into the lower sections site by site. There was some concern from some Park City residents about the route that trucks would take to haul dirt away from Empire Canyon this summer. However, the Park City Council approved the truck route, and that action was completed successfully in three months without one incident.

A Record of Decision (ROD) for the Richardson Flat Tailings Site in the middle reach was published in July 2005, and remedial work at the site will begin this summer. The cleanup is being funded and conducted by UPCM, and is expected to take at least three years. Once completed, disposal of mine waste at Richardson Flat will cease, and land use restrictions and easements will be instituted to protect the remedy.

- Another site along Silver Creek that is in the CERCLIS database is Silver Maple Tailings (Prospector Square). In 1995 EPA approved a revised Emergency Management System for the Soils Ordinance from Park City Municipal Corporation. As a result, EPA recently archived the Prospector Square site from the CERCLIS database permanently.
- Silver Maple Claims, the wetland area just below Prospector Square is currently being investigated. Park City Municipal Corporation has been operating a pilot constructed wetlands at the Prospector drain outfall. There is a possibility that this approach could be expanded.
- EPA is also working on establishing a Memorandum of Agreement with stakeholders such as the UPCM, Park City Municipal Corporation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah Department of Environmental Quality and Utah

Fish and Wildlife Service to address contamination in the middle stretch of Silver Creek (from Prospector to Richardson).

- The Natural Resources Damages process has been initiated for the Upper Silver Creek Watershed. EPA is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Stakeholder group in the first step of this process: preliminary assessment.

BACKGROUND

- The Environmental Protection Agency and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality began this renewed comprehensive investigation of the Upper Silver Creek Watershed in 1999. The collaborative process has been guided by the Upper Silver Creek Stakeholder Group which is comprised of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations as well as members of the community.
- The strategy has been to look at the Upper Silver Creek Watershed holistically, rather than looking at isolated sites within the Watershed. The goal is to find locally acceptable and integrated solutions for the Watershed and to avoid bureaucratic or legal barriers toward accomplishing its goals.
- Furthermore, a collaborative process is encouraged to build trust and support for addressing any potential impacts to human health and the environment from exposure to contaminated soil or surface water.
- To the extent possible and dependent upon the findings of the investigation, the expectation is to bring closure to EPA's involvement in the area.
- This unique watershed process has achieved many successes while avoiding listing many of the sites of interest on the National Priorities List.

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES

Region 8 has received no recent congressional inquiries concerning our actions at this site, but we contact the local offices of the affected Utah delegation regarding cleanup milestones and public involvement opportunities.